Public Notice Proposed Issuance of a State Construction Permit to Abbott Labs North Chicago Facility

Abbott Labs North Chicago Facility has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a construction permit to add two boilers to its facility located at 1401 Sheridan Road in North Chicago. The contemporaneous change in air emissions resulting from this change will be below the significance threshold for a major modification as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21 and the state rules 35 IAC 203: Major Stationary Source Construction and Modification. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 17, 2003. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.